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Dear ██████████████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 25th February 2024 which sought the following information for the catchment area upstream of the River Bann gauge at Movanager.

1. Daily data for the amount of water abstracted from the catchment area.
2. Data including permit details for all public sewage treatment plants which discharge to the catchment area.
3. Data including permit details for all permitted private sewage treatment plants which discharge to the catchment area.
4. Number of properties which have no connection to a public sewer network and do not have a private sewage treatment plant.
5. Details of all sewage system storm overflows including recorded daily data on their periods of discharge.

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6. Estimated numbers of animals in livestock and poultry holdings, by animal type.
7. Results of measurements of water quality, particularly of the parameter Total Phosphorus.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds part the information you requested and is attached. However, due to the detail of the request it is difficult to assess and fulfil the request. The below information should help you refine your request.

1. The requested data for all Abstraction Licences in Northern Ireland is available to the public on the [NIEA Water Information Request Viewer \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/niea-water-information-request-viewer)
2. The requested data for all public sewage treatment plants in Northern Ireland is available to the public on the <https://www.niwater.com/storm/overflow/>
3. The requested data for all of Northern Ireland is available on the [NIEA Water Information Request Viewer \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/niea-water-information-request-viewer)
4. The Department does not hold this information.
5. The requested data for all sewage system storm overflows in Northern Ireland is available to the public on the <https://www.niwater.com/storm/overflow/>
6. As explained in the information sheet enclosed with my acknowledgement letter, under certain conditions, the Department has the right to refuse to respond to a request for information. In this instance, under EIR exception regulation 12 (4) (c) – Request is formulated in too general a manner, the Department is not obliged to comply with your request for information as the request has been asked in too general a manner to allow an appropriate response to be made.
7. Water quality information for all of Northern Ireland is available by using the [NIEA Water Information Request Viewer \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/niea-water-information-request-viewer) to identify monitoring sites and requesting data via waterinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk.

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The Department has a duty to provide advice and assistance to enable you to refine your request to reduce the cost of compliance to within the appropriate limit. To that end, I should be grateful if you would refine your request.

The external web-viewers provided will allow you to view the relevant consents throughout Northern Ireland. From viewing this it should help you to review your request and ask for specific consents in your requested area of interest. This could then help hopefully refine your request for the additional aspects of your request.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Ballykelly House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

Water Regulation Team

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